Dear Bill, 9/3/95

I appreciate your letter of the 27th and your taking the time for it.

Carroll & Graf is not as you say "my publisher." My experiences with them are such that although I finished the sequel to NEVER AGAIN! last year I've not offered it to them. Richard Gallen, their counsel, had been a dear and cherished friend and he copublished with C&G, as he had done earlier. But if so much as a single effort to get a single review was made with anything of mine they published I've no indication of it or any reason to believe any such effort was made. In fact, I've made at least six written requests for copies of NEVER AGAIN! to send to those who helped or those who could promote it without even a response. And I offered to pay for those copies, too.

On the other hand, their distributor, Publishers West, does distribute well and extensively. And with the assassination stuff that would disgrace a self- respecting publisher they do make efforts and do spend money. They do publish what is clearly libel if they believe there will be no suit. They have, repeatedly.

They made changes in NEVER AGAIN! after I went over and returned the proofs and as with Case Open, they ignored the corrections I made. I spotted at least 50 of these in NEVER AGAIN! and as you probably noticed, they forgot the index they had made and never even read after it was set in type. They also eliminated the descriptive subtitle without consultation with me causing an enormous reduction in potential sales.

There is more but this is enough for you to look out for your own interests and not to assume anything from them.

I hope you will ask them to send me a copy when the book is out -you did not indicate when that will be - because they will not do that automatically - because it may not be easily available to me now either at the nearby store, which may not even stock it, or at other stores because I cam not suppose to stand still and do no browsing. My nearby Walden has not stocked NEVER AGAIN! not even after getting orders for it they filled.

My experience is that there is not nearly the interest in the King assassination there is in JFK's so I think promotions will be required. If they do not do this you may want to keep it in mind.

I hope that what you've come up with works. I cannot even guess what it is but I do look forward to reading it.

Best wishes,

Harold